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THE REVEREND DR. OTIS MOSS, JR. JOINS ART MUSEUM BOARD

(**Cleveland, OH**) Cleveland Museum of Art president Michael Horvitz today announced that Cleveland pastor and internationally recognized civil rights leader The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. has joined the museum's board of trustees. Dr. Moss is Pastor of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.

Welcoming Dr. Moss to the board, Horvitz said: "We are truly pleased to have Reverend Moss join our board. His vision and commitment to the community will be extremely valuable as we execute the goals of the museum's strategic plan. He has been a good friend to the museum, and we are honored to have him as a trustee."

The Reverend Moss received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church since 1975. He served with Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. as Co-Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta in 1971. His numerous honors include being a special guest of President Clinton at the Peace Treaty signing between Israel and Jordan. He has twice received the Governor's Award in Civil Rights, from Governor Voinovich in 1993 and from Governor Celeste in 1983. *Ebony Magazine* has twice selected Dr. Moss as "one of America's 15 greatest black preachers" (1993 and 1984). In 1992 he was honored as "role model of the year" by the National Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Development. Since 1994, Dr. Moss has served as chairman of the board of trustees of Morehouse College in Atlanta.

In accepting the invitation to join the CMA Board, Dr. Moss states: "It is an honor to be serving as a trustee of this renowned arts institution. I am especially pleased to be coming on board as the CMA launches its strategic plan which reaffirms it founding mission as a cultural resource 'for the benefit of all the people' of our community."

Dr. Moss has been actively involved with the museum in recent years serving on exhibition advisory committees for **Benin: The Royal Art of Africa** and **African Zion: The Sacred Art of Ethiopia**.

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